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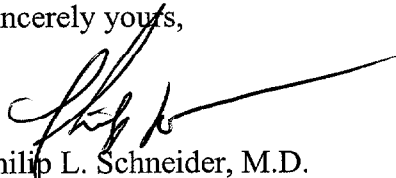
RE: Docket No. 97N-484F

To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly oppose the proposed FDA regulation concerning allograft tissue. I am a frequent user of allograft tissue as an orthopedic surgeon. I plan to continue using allograft tissue in certain specific situations.

I strongly object to the FDA regulating allograft tissue. A physician should be allowed to use what he or she feels is the most efficacious and safe material for the patient. FDA regulation will compromise that decision making process.

Sincerely yours,



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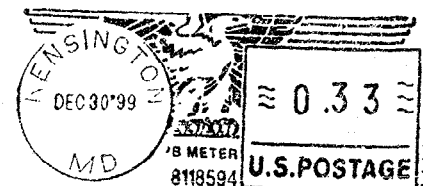
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